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often be of help in finding out mistake and getting them rectified too'. It is the most *bona fide* criticism of any Legislative Assembly proceedings and there is no question of privilege.

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : ஹவுஸ் ஆஃப் காமன்ஸ் கேசைப்பற்றி நான் இப்பொழுது சொல்லுகின்றேன்

“Parliament's Committee of Privileges found the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Finance Minister) Mr. James Callaghan not guilty of a breach of privilege in a speech ten days ago criticising the Opposition Conservative Member. The privileges of the House are designed to protect the honour and dignity of its members, and Mr. Callaghan was accused of infringing them in a speech at Bristol on July 5”. Outside-ல்தான். ஹவுஸ் ஆஃப் காமன்ஸில் இல்லை. He said then that when he watched Conservatives debating the Finance Bill . . . ‘I do not think of them as the honourable member for X, Y or Z. I look at them and say ‘Investment trusts’, ‘capital speculators’, or that is the fellow who is a Stock Exchange man who makes a profit on gilt-edged. I have almost forgotten their constituencies, but I shall never forget their interests. I sometimes wonder whom they represent—their constituents, or their own or friends’ particular interests.’

At the request of an Opposition member, the House agreed to refer it to the 15-member all-party Privileges Committee for a verdict”.

MR. SPEAKER: After hearing the speeches of the hon. Members and the Hon. Ministers, I find that the criticism in question is a *bona fide* criticism and that it is not one casting any reflection on particular Members or particular Parties. The speech only suggests ways of improving the value of discussion in the House, which is the purpose of any *bona fide* criticism. I therefore, withhold my consent to the matter being raised as a privilege, as no *prima facie* case of breach of privilege is made out.

I hope all the hon. Members of this House—whether they belong to this Party or that Party—will belie the impression of the Hon. Minister by taking keen interest in the debates and discussions.

The notice under Rule 41 of the Assembly Rules given by the hon. Member Sri Rama Arangannal is postponed.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Sir, I have given notice of a Privilege matter.

MR. SPEAKER: It will be taken up to-morrow.

V.—ANNOUNCEMENT. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

MR. SPEAKER: I have to announce to the House that the Business Advisory Committee has decided upon the following Programme of business for the present sittings of the House.

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28th July 1965	Discussion on the Annual Financial Statement for 1965-66 and the Supplementary Financial Statement for 1964-65 of the Madras State Electricity Board.
29th July 1965	Non-official Business.
30th July 1965	Consideration of Official Bills. (1) The Madurai University Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 11 of 1965). (2) The Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 1965.
31st July 1965	(1) Presentation of the First Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 1965-66. (2) Discussion on the Annual Financial Statement for 1965-66 and the Supplementary Financial Statement for 1964-65 of the Madras State Electricity Board.
1st August 1965	Holiday.
2nd August 1965	(1) Reply by the Hon. Minister for Industries to the discussion on the Annual Financial Statement for 1965-66 and Supplementary Financial Statement for 1964-65 of the Madras State Electricity Board. (2) Official Bills.
3rd August 1965	(1) Discussion on the First Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 1965-66 and Voting of Demands for Further Grants. (2) Introduction of Appropriation Bill. (3) Official Bills.
4th August 1965	Discussion on the Draft Outline on the Fourth Five-Year Plan.
5th August 1965	Non-Official Business.
6th August 1965 and 7th August 1965.	Discussion on the Draft Outline on the Fourth Five-Year Plan.

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8th August 1965	Holiday.
9th August 1965	} Official Bills.
10th August 1965 and	
11th August 1965	

The House as usual will sit daily from 8-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m.

VI.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS LAND ENCROACHMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1965.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move for leave to introduce the Madras Land Encroachment (Amendment) Bill, 1965.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

“ That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Land Encroachment (Amendment) Bill, 1965.”

The motion was put and carried, and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.

VII.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES FOR 1965-66.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I move—

“ That, with reference to Rule 164 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker, to elect fourteen members to be members of the Committee on Estimates for the year 1965-66.”

The motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER : In accordance with the regulations framed by me for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 5th August 1965 as the time within which the nomination papers of candidates for election to the Committee on Estimates should reach the Secretary. Nomination forms can be had on application to the Secretary.

The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at 2 p.m. on the 6th August 1965. I also fix 3 p.m. on the 6th August 1965 as the last hour and date for the withdrawal of candidature.

If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, namely, 14 (fourteen), a poll will be taken on Monday, the 9th August 1965 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.